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PRESS RELEASE

Date/Time of Release: Friday, January 30, 2004, 2 p.m.
Date/Time of Occurrence: Thursday, January 29, 2004, 8:30 p.m.
Nature of Call: Injured Skier Found by Sheriff's Searchers
Location of Call: Sugar Bowl Ski Resort
Case Number: SO041644
Released by: Dena Erwin, Community Services Officer (530) 889-6922

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

Searchers from the Placer County Sheriff's Department rescued an injured Truckee skier just before midnight Thursday.

Scott Thelen, 21, had spent the day skiing at the Sugar Bowl ski resort on Donner Summit. When he didn't pick up a friend at 6 p.m., the Sheriff's Department was notified. Members of the Nordic team first located the remains of a small avalanche, then found tracks leading to an aid hut on top of Mt. Judah.

Around 11:40 p.m., Thelen was found inside the hut, suffering from a probable broken leg and broken wrist. He was transported to Tahoe Forest Hospital in Truckee.